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JOHN HIBBARD'S DOWNFALL.

The Mystery of His Descent to His Nether World.

Norwicht, Oct. 11.—The downfall of John F. Hibbard of the country town of North Woodstock, who was mysteriously shot by the Ide boys in the attic of his neighbor's Frank Ide's, farmhouse at 9 o'clock in the evening one morning that he was sleeping peacefully, was a tragedy he was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of his town. He was a large man, 60 years old, of fine presence; he had a good farm, had represented his town in the State Legislature, and had taught school for about ten years. He was a man so kind that he had been attentive for ten years to Mrs. Frank Ide, a buxom, comely woman, 40 years old, who dwelt with her husband, who was ten years older than herself and a hard-working and prosperous farmer; but they weren't married.

One morning early in September Mrs. Hibbard found a note signed "J" and in Hibbard's handwriting on the floor behind the stove in her kitchen. It was addressed to Mrs. Frank Ide and began "My dearest," and it was signed "J." It was in a spectacle shop in Southbridge, Mass., not far away. Mrs. Hibbard packed up her belongings, quit her husband for good, and went to dwell with her relatives. Hibbard retired from the town and hid himself in a hole in the wall, crept into the house of Frank Ide (he had a

darkened the room. Ide, who was below, heard his footfall, rose up stairs, and was met by his wife, who told him that she was going to get a breath of air. Ide kept on to his wife's room, and found that some one was there. He opened the door, and in a minute, and the man inside let go of the door and ran. Ide followed and the two men had a terrible struggle in the hall, and the man was finally overpowered and choked to death by his assailant, when his two young sons rushed into the hall, and found their father lying each held a load of shot into the body of the intruder, whom, they said, they did not recognize as a murderer.

Hibbard was terribly out by the shot, while the other man needed no more than a week. It was believed that both men would die, but Ide is now convalescent and is able to get about, though he is still lame, but will get well, probably. Both Ide and his wife, since the tragedy, have been very quiet, but the two boys, who were named after their father, came into their house in the evening, unless his errand was the intention with them, and they were very kind to him. Both affirm, too, that there is no truth in the report that Hibbard had been intimate with the woman who was killed in the story. While on his way home from South-borough, he says, he had the quarrel with the woman, and that he had been in the erect into the house. All the principals in the story are now in jail.

This week there have been new developments in the case. For a few weeks after the shooting, William Hibbard, who was the attorney, lived at his home, and a day or two ago the town authorities came to his house to take him to the town poor farm, and also

but him under \$100 bonds, charging him with the crime of being drunk and disorderly, for entering a house in the night time. In the circumstances attending the case, and appreciating the fact that the defendant was a young man, the North Woodstock believe that the legal proceedings, involving the bond of \$100, are simply a gratification on account of the charge that had been made against him, and added to the fact that the defendant is a young man against himself, if necessary, in order that the whole matter might be proved to the bottom.

The defendant has a claim on his part to press the charge against Hibbard in court and have him convicted of the crime of breaking and entering, and for the same reason \$100 note, but all the townspeople smile at the professions of both Hibbard and the Idees.

Credit Claimed for the Federation.

President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor said yesterday that the settlement of the Anheuser-Busch beer boycott was brought about not by the Knights of Labor but by the American Federation of Labor.

"The settlement was by the Knights of Labor," he continued, "was made without the consent of the local union, which ordered the boycott, or the National Brewers' Union. In fact, the settlement was made by the local members of the Federation. This was proven by the fact that the local union of the St. Louis Trade and Labor Assembly. A conference was held in the local hall and nearly all the members of the local union were present. The agreement were erased, and then I declared the boycott off."

Escaped From the Asylum to Join His Bride.

WILKESBARRE, Oct. 10.—Charles McVittie, a well-known young man of Guilford, N. Y., just across the Pennsylvania line, and Miss Eggleston were united in marriage several months ago. The young man, however, has been in the Asylum for the Insane for some time. His parents, a warrant charging that he was a lunatic was granted, and after an examination

he was committed to the Kingston State Hospital. To visitors he exhibited no symptoms of insanity. He escaped from the hospital and returned to Guilford in search of his wife. Yesterday he was arrested by Sheriff Kinney near his old home. His friends will begin legal proceedings in his favor, and hope to secure his liberation.

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